

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

JUAN CARLOS RAMIREZ-CANCEL,
et al.

Plaintiffs

CIVIL NO. 98-1574 (JAG)

v.

LOOMIS FARGO & COMPANY OF
PUERTO RICO, et al.

Defendants

ORDER

*Filed And
Entered 27, 2002
Done 5:10 pm. 7/1/02
JAG U.S.D.J.*

Today the Court held a hearing to allow the Office of the Solicitor for Minor and Family Affairs of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to express its view on the proposed settlement, as it pertains to the minor Carlos Enrique Santana-Ramirez. (Docket No. 80.) The Assistant Solicitor who attended the hearing stated that the amount to be paid to Santana-Ramirez, pursuant to the settlement terms, "constitutes a reasonable amount for the boy." She therefore recommended that the Court approve the settlement.

Moreover, the Assistant Solicitor stated that the amount to be paid in attorney's fees and expenses was reasonable. The Court will therefore approve plaintiffs counsel's request for attorney's fees and expenses.

Lastly, the Assistant Solicitor requested that the amount assigned to Santana-Ramirez be deposited in a savings account bearing the highest possible interest rate until he reaches legal age, or until the Court orders otherwise. The Court approves the request, and orders that the funds assigned to Santana-Ramirez be deposited as suggested by the Assistant Solicitor.

The Court approves the proposed settlement agreement, and will grant plaintiffs's motion to dismiss pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a) (2). (Docket No. 79.) Judgment will enter accordingly. The Court also grants plaintiffs's motion to submit the settlement agreement and proposed distribution under seal, as requested. (Docket No. 78.) The settlement agreement and distribution sheet shall be placed under seal.

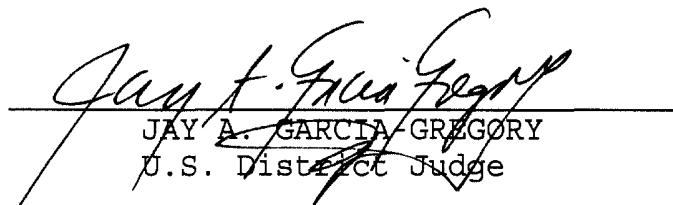
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All other motions presently pending before the Court are hereby rendered moot by this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 27th day of June, 2002.



JAY A. GARCIA GREGORY
U.S. District Judge